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ASK THE PEOPLE.

The Congressmen who are making a holi-  
day visit to their homes cannot do better  
than to consult with their constituents as to  
the legislation they desire.  
Let the visiting statesmen see if they can  
find any disinterested man who is in favor of  
prolonging the war taxes and spending the  
surplus. Let them inquire among the "plain  
people" as to the policy of freeing luxuries  
and vices from taxation and continuing the  
taxes on food, fuel, clothing and shelter.  
Let them ask sensible and candid men of  
all parties what they think of the President's  
Message.  
Then let the Representative represent.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

"Christmas tree or Christmas stockings" is  
the mooted question in many a household to-  
day. A compromise, highly satisfactory to  
the younger generation, is to have both—the  
stocking-hanging Christmas Eve and the tree  
Christmas night.  
Thrice happy then the boy or girl possessed  
of an obese and obliging relative in the capar-  
naced recesses of whose borrowed stocking  
may be stored toys and goodies galore. The  
pernicious practice of filling these caverns of  
hose with vegetables and other extraneous  
material will prevail in no well-regulated  
family.  
But quite as essential to a perfect Christ-  
mas Eve is a visit to dreamland. Let every  
youngster to-night fire his imagination with  
the lively imagery of those familiar lines,  
"Twas the night before Christmas," etc.,  
and then be tucked snugly beneath the quilts  
to dream such dreams as only childhood  
knows and only Christmas Eve can bring.

THE HOSPITAL COLLECTION.

Last year's Saturday and Sunday Hospital  
collection was \$55,000. That means an aver-  
age contribution from the people of New  
York and Brooklyn of about five cents per  
capita.  
This year's collection should be even  
larger. New York never had a more pros-  
perous year. Let the hospitals share in the  
horn of plenty. A tithe, or even 1 per cent.,  
of the money spent for pleasure at this sea-  
son would widely extend the circle of their  
beneficent work in the relief of the afflicted  
and suffering poor.  
"All mankind's concern is charity." Let  
the checks, the cartwheel dollars, the quar-  
ters, the dimes and the pennies fill those  
little red boxes to the brim.

WATCH 'EM.

There is a very suspicious delay about the  
adjustment of those mysterious and enormous  
Aqueduct claims.  
On one pretext and another the meetings  
for their settlement have been postponed.  
Why? Simply because Comptroller Low, who  
believes that a contract is a contract, and  
who resolutely declines to pay out  
millions of the people's money unauthorized  
by law, is to go out of office at the close of  
the year. The greedy contractors cherish  
the hope that the incoming Comptroller may  
be a more pliable official. Hence their  
Fabian policy.  
It will pay to watch them. Millions are at  
stake.

THE MEAN CIGARS.

While the cigar-makers are very properly  
struggling against a proposed reduction of  
wages and revival of the tenement-house  
system, why does not the public kick against  
the mean cigars palmed off at high prices by  
the manufacturers.  
For a year it has been almost impossible  
to obtain a fair weed at a fair price in this city.  
This lack of faith with the consumers is  
the real cause of the demoralization of New  
York's cigar trade.  
Make the cigars in a decent place and im-  
prove their quality.

THE YOUNGER DICKENS'S TOUR.

Unlike the Rev. Dr. Parker, CHARLES  
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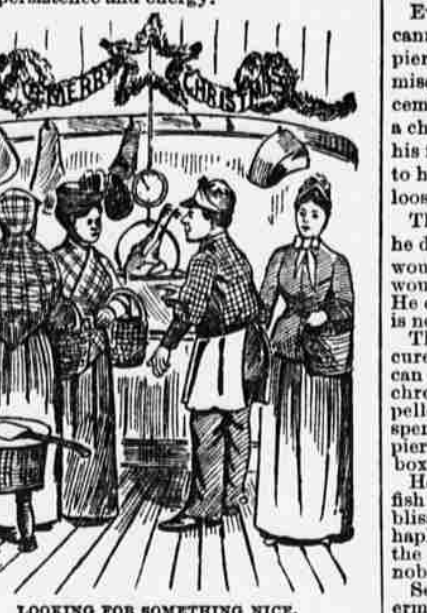
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Throngs of Peddlers Doing a Rushing Trade  
in the Streets—Fish, Poultry and Fowl in  
Plenty Inside the Market—Game Scurrier  
and Dealer Every Year—Fruits of the  
Season in Abundance.

A stroll through Washington Market at  
any time during the past two days would  
have convinced even the most gloomy pes-  
simist that Christmas in New York is going to  
be celebrated this year in the good old-  
fashioned way, bringing plenty of turkey,  
mince pie, plum pudding and all sorts of  
good cheer to every one. At any rate, there  
seems to be enough to go all around,  
without taking into consideration Fuller  
Jefferson and a half a dozen other smaller  
markets in different parts of the city, which  
have presented similar scenes of busy activ-  
ity during the same interval.

Not only the market itself, but all the  
streets and thoroughfares leading to it have  
been taken possession of by hordes of enter-  
prising merchants, who have erected stands  
and anchored carts at every available corner  
and curb with the most cheerful disregard of  
the ordinances against street incumbrances,  
and who press their wares upon the passer-by  
with persistence and energy.



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NICE.

Yes, street affords the best illustration of  
this branch of the Christmas trade at Wash-  
ington Market; for, from Church street  
down to the river, the sidewalks are com-  
pletely lined with the stands of street ven-  
dors.  
Those stationed nearer Broadway offer for  
sale small fancy articles, suitable for cheap  
presents; dolls, with flaxen hair and flexible  
joints, for 25 cents; penknives and toys of  
various sorts, with the usual display of fruit  
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Further down one encounters a varied as-  
sortment of household articles of hardware  
and even furniture, and then comes a long  
line of stands where Christmas tree orna-  
ments are sold. These make a brilliant dis-  
play of various kinds of glass, gold and silver  
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to be found here. The stands are also the  
most necessary to say that the stands have  
been well patronized all day long.

Down opposite the market the retail deal-  
ers of Christmas trees and Christmas greens  
have fully taken possession of the street,  
and have monopolized it to such an extent  
that there is only just about room on one  
side of the roadway for two wagons to pass  
each other. A big framework of wood, ex-  
tending from Washington street nearly down  
to West is divided off into sections for the dif-  
ferent vendors, and upon it is hung a bewil-  
dering variety of decorative Christmas greens,  
Christmas trees, holly, laurel and mistletoe,  
and sometimes several of these are con-  
fined in the same figure. There are wreaths,  
stars, triangles, crosses and other de-  
signed in sizes to suit the purse of the  
buyer, and may be had from 10 cents  
apiece up.

Many of them are rendered additionally  
attractive by having the branches of the  
red holly berries, or yellow, red and purple  
immortelles, mosses and dried grasses of  
various colors. These, of course, are among  
the highest priced goods. At nearly all of  
these stands Christmas trees are also sold,  
the cheapest ranging from 15 to 25 cents apiece.  
The thousands of people who daily visit  
the market attract the street vendors to the  
neighborhood, and the last two weeks the  
peddlers have been doing a thriving business,  
and for as much longer they are likely  
to hold the fort without a diminution of  
profits.

Inside the big brick building, which  
spreads itself over the whole block, there is  
a scene of activity and animation which  
surpasses even that upon the street. All of  
the stalls and counters have been prepared  
for the holiday season and their choicest  
goods have been arranged so as to produce  
the most attractive display. Many of them  
have decorated their stands with holly and  
festoons of evergreens and holly to make the  
quarters of beef and the provisions the more  
attractive to customers.

Naturally the poultry and game stalls com-  
mand the most attention at this season, and  
these certainly furnish an extra fine display.  
It is said that the quality of the poultry is  
finer than usual this year, while it does not  
fall behind in quantity. In fact, the supply  
is a good deal in excess of the demand, and  
the current prices for the past week have  
shown but little change.

There is a heavy demand for turkeys from  
anything else, and prices range from 14 to 18  
cents a pound. Chickens come next at 12 to  
16 cents, with Philadelphia roasters, which  
are regarded as great delicacies, at 20 cents.  
Geese are the largest buyers of geese,  
which range in price from 14 to 18 cents,  
while a moderate trade in ducks is done at 14  
to 18 cents. Some of the plumpiest and  
choicest fowls are decorated with bright-  
colored paper rosettes.

The supply of game, said the largest  
dealer in the market to-day, is becoming  
smaller every year, so that now only the  
wealthiest people and the clubs, which must  
have it at any cost, can afford to buy it.  
These are about the only customers we have  
now. This is because so much game is now  
shipped to Europe and because it is actually  
getting scarce here.

You will never see game cheap again in  
this country. Why, it was only a few years  
ago that turkeys were considered dear at  
50 cents a brace, and now you can't get them  
for less than \$1.50. It takes a man with a  
pretty long purse to enjoy canvasback at \$7  
a pair, for he has to pay for them himself, or  
redheads at \$3.

The kinds of game principally dealt in now  
are quail, which cost \$3 a dozen, and squabs  
at \$3.50. These remain comparatively cheap.  
Partridges are \$1.10 a brace, mallards \$1.25,  
guinea fowl 75 cents, and capons 25 cents a  
pound.

Another branch of trade which is booming  
at this season is that in fruits and nuts. Of  
both of these there is a plentiful supply in  
the market, and some of the stalls display so  
rich a variety of dainties that the month of  
game passer-by fairly waters as he gazes upon  
them.

There is now a supply of fine Florida  
and Jamaica oranges in the market, which may  
be had all the way from 25 to 50 cents a  
dozen, while fancy oranges, like Messina

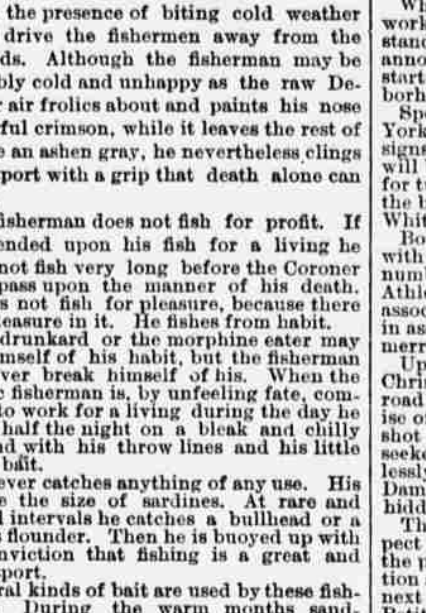
MERRY SCENES IN MARKETS.

GREAT CROWDS GETTING READY FOR  
CHRISTMAS FEASTING.

Throngs of Peddlers Doing a Rushing Trade  
in the Streets—Fish, Poultry and Fowl in  
Plenty Inside the Market—Game Scurrier  
and Dealer Every Year—Fruits of the  
Season in Abundance.

A stroll through Washington Market at  
any time during the past two days would  
have convinced even the most gloomy pes-  
simist that Christmas in New York is going to  
be celebrated this year in the good old-  
fashioned way, bringing plenty of turkey,  
mince pie, plum pudding and all sorts of  
good cheer to every one. At any rate, there  
seems to be enough to go all around,  
without taking into consideration Fuller  
Jefferson and a half a dozen other smaller  
markets in different parts of the city, which  
have presented similar scenes of busy activ-  
ity during the same interval.

Not only the market itself, but all the  
streets and thoroughfares leading to it have  
been taken possession of by hordes of enter-  
prising merchants, who have erected stands  
and anchored carts at every available corner  
and curb with the most cheerful disregard of  
the ordinances against street incumbrances,  
and who press their wares upon the passer-by  
with persistence and energy.



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NICE.

Yes, street affords the best illustration of  
this branch of the Christmas trade at Wash-